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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S PROPOSED VISIT
TO WASHINGTON

REF: (A) STATE 90203 (B) QUITO 2419

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER SALVADOR LARA THAT, BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S EXTENSIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, INCLUDING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT HE WILL ONLY BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK OF MAY 16, IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO TRY TO SCHEDULE A STOP IN WASHINGTON ON HIS RETURN FROM MADRID. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE SECRETARY LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT A FUTURE DATE, AND MENTIONED THE OSAGA AS A POSSIBILITY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOOK THE NEWS WITH GOOD GRACE AND ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY HIS BEST REGARDS TO THE SECRETARY AND HIS HOPE THAT THE TWO WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. COMMENT: REGARDING PAR. 2 OF REFTEL (A), THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTENTION WAS NOT TO OBTAIN ANYTHING SPECIFIC FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. AS WAS EXPLAINED IN REF. (B), HIS DESIRE TO STOP IN WASHINGTON STEMMED FROM THIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED
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STATES IN SPITE OF CERTAIN BILATERAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS GSP EXCLUSION AND FISHING. GIVEN ECUADOR'S EFFORTS TO RETURN TO DEMOCRACY, TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND TO RESOLVE BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S., THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY TO RECEIVE THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT OCCASION. WHILE A COUNTRY OF ECUADOR'S SIZE

NORMALLY MIGHT NOT MERIT A BILATERAL DURING THE OASGA,
GIVEN THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MENTIONED ABOVE, THE
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE ON THAT OCCASION
TO ACCORD ECUADOR SOME SPECIAL RECOGNITION.
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